

## Town of Little Creek Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2023

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:01 pm by Commissioner Edward Strouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. All four Commissioners were present in person and Commissioner May declared that four out of four members of the Board of Commissioners were present in person therefore the Town Council was free to conduct business and begin the meeting. The four members of the Board of Commissioners present for the Town of Little Creek Council Meeting: Commissioner Ed Strouse, Commissioner Adrienne Hegman, Commissioner Jason Arrington, and Commissioner Theresa May. Seven members of the public were in attendance in person for the general meeting: Doug Hegman, Judy Hegman, Dennis May, Clay Crommett, Susan Freese, Penny Gentry, and Tom Antonio. Two residents attended the meeting via Zoom: Carol Williams, and Bill Clark,

The meeting minutes from the previous month were electronically sent to the commissioners for their review prior to this meeting. These minutes were also made available to all in attendance as hard copies. All commissioners on the board reviewed the minutes from March 6, 2023, and Commissioner Hegman made a motion to accept the minutes received from the secretary/clerk as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arrington and put to a full board vote where it was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report covering the period from March 6, 2023, to April 3, 2023, was presented at this meeting. Commissioner Hegman read the report aloud to everyone present. Commissioner May made a motion to accept the report as presented and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hegman. When put to a full vote by the board it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hegman stated the pending bills and provided information on what these bills covered. The formal motion to pay all the bills was made by Commissioner May. This motion was seconded by Commissioners Arrington and put to full board for a vote. The Board unanimously passed the motion to pay the current bills.

### Committee Reports

- a) **Planning Commission** – Carol Williams and Commissioner Arrington
  - Two permits issued: 1) Bucky Hurley – Lean-to; 2) Rental property located at 300 Main Street – Handicap Ramp
- b) **Parks and Recreation** – Commissioner Hegman
  - Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. Need help to place eggs for hunt. No age limit for hunt.
    - i) **Dog Park** - Mr. Hegman/Ms. Freese/Mr. Courtney
  - Susan is asking for help with the Dog Park during her time in Maine. The leathers need to put back on the pumps.
- c) **Code Enforcement** – Commissioner Strouse
  - One complaint received but was determined to be an issue outside of Town Council's responsibility.
- d) **Little Creek Fire Company Report** – President Frazier/Chief Scott Bundek
  - 15<sup>th</sup> of April – Indoor yard sale.

- Upcoming events: Ride to Tide motorcycle event and Car Show at the end of the month

#### **Old Business – Commissioner Strouse**

- Northern Flood Study** - Commissioner Strouse
  - Business meeting to be held with Nature Conservancy and Community Partners on April 14. This meeting is closed to the public.
- Bayshore Byways Grant** – Commissioner Strouse
  - Still awaiting confirmation.
- ARPA** (American Rescue Plan Act) – Commissioner Strouse
  - The Town spent \$7,000 of these funds on the installation of electricity to Townhall. Townhall now has its own meter and way to shut off the power when it is not being used for Townhall purposes.
- Townhall Electricity** – Commissioner Strouse
  - See above description.
- Community Partnerships** - Commissioner May
  - Nothing new to report.
- Southern Flood Study** – Commissioner Strouse
  - Meeting was held with DelDOT concerning the study of flooding on Route 9 today, April 3, 2023. DelDOT agreed to pay the study costs. The Town of Little Creek will not be charged for the costs covered by DelDOT. An additional meeting will be held at a later date to discuss the priority surrounding the Town of Little Creek because of the impact here during the flooding that occurs during a Nor'easter.

#### **New Business – Commissioner Strouse**

- Pickle Ball Court** – Bill Clark
  - Bill Clark reported his findings to date regarding costs involved with and supplies needed for adding a Pickle Ball Court to the existing Town Park. Options were explored and discussed concerning placement, potential repairs to the current basketball court and potential parking issues. The Board of Commissioners asked for more information and will continue to explore this as a possibility. The members of the Council also suggested looking into organizations that may agree to assist with the funding necessary to complete the project to promote the sport and gain interest in the game. Council also agreed to investigate what is needed to repair the cracked asphalt on the basketball court. Another item mentioned was sending out a survey to determine the level of support and interest among residents for pursuing the installation of the proposed Pickle Ball Court.

#### **Public Comment**

- Code enforcement questions were addressed by Mayor Strouse. He will be contacting Joann at the County and property owners to follow up on concerns.

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Hegman and seconded by Commissioner Arrington. It was then put to the full Board for vote. All members having voted "Aye" the motion to adjourn was carried and the meeting was officially ended at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa May

Secretary